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Mr Tegryn Jones,
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20th November 2010

Dear Mr Jones,

1. BNOG Statement to PCNPA following the Inquiry into the two Appeals concerning Bettws Newydd, Newport and

2. BNOG Statement of Complaint to PCNPA concerning Maladministration by Officers in handling the Bettws Newydd applications and request for an Investigation into these.

As this is the first time of writing to you since your recent appointment, we preface what we have to say by assurance that members of the Bettws Newydd Core Group are firm supporters of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. We regret that our stance and actions over the past two years concerning this development have been necessary, but we believe that these have been justified in our own attempts to see the principles, for which the National Park stands, upheld.

We take this opportunity to point out to you that the Bettws Newydd Opposition Group's stated aims are

- 1. To achieve the replacement of the present development at Bettws Newydd with one that is more appropriate to the location, in conformity with LDP and other planning policies, and acceptable to both the local and wider community and*
- 2. To persuade the PCNPA to identify and itemise the mistakes made in dealing with this development and to change its processes to prevent repetition.*

Achievement of the first of these aims, for the moment, is largely in the hands of the Inspector, but we believe that the time has come to concentrate on the second of our aims, by sending you statements of some of our current and principal concerns.

In this, we are first of all making two points arising from the recent Inquiry into the Appeals concerning Bettws Newydd which are

- o the non-attendance by PCNPA Officers and
- o the major differences between professional opinion, as previously expressed by Officers and those stated to be the views of the Authority at the Inquiry.

We then follow with a complaint, concerning what we perceive as examples of maladministration by PCNPA Officers in handling the Bettws Newydd application, several of which have become increasingly clear during the Inquiry.

Finally, we hereby call for an investigation.

We are aware that two of our members submitted statements of complaint concerning Bettws Newydd to the Authority some time ago and we fully endorse these. Only one of these complaints has as yet resulted in a Report by the Monitoring Officer.

We are also aware that Newport Town Council has already asked for “a thorough investigation” in its letter to the Authority of 18th May 2009 and has also yet to receive a statement from the Authority giving the results of any investigation that has been made. For this reason, we are copying this letter to the Clerk to the Council.

We ask you to give these matters your very serious consideration. We would be happy to meet with you if you would find this helpful.

A similar letter will be sent to the Chairman of the Authority and the Chairman of the Development Management Committee.

Yours Sincerely,

Reg Atkinson,
Chairperson, Bettws Newydd Opposition Core Group

cc Newport Town Council